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## RESPONSE and AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 23 August 2005.

Claims 1-14 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-10 stand rejected.

Claims 1-14 are subject to restriction and/or election requirements.

Enclosed with this Response on separate pages are a TEXT OF CLAIMS CURRENTLY UNDER EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT, and REMARKS.

Applicants request reconsideration in light of the amendment and response.

Respectfully submitted,

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